

**Remarks / Arguments**

Claims 1-15, 17 and 18 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 and 17 are allowed. Claims 10-15 and 18 are rejected.

With this amendment, claims 10, 11, and 18 have been amended.

**Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C § 112**

Claims 10-15 and 18 are rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112 as being indefinite. Additionally, independent claims 10, 11, and 18 are rejected under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112 as being incomplete.

With this amendment, independent claims 10, 11, and 18 have been amended to positively recite any structural cooperative relationships of elements thereby eliminating any structural discontinuities. Accordingly, the applicants now submit that these independent claims 10, 11, and 18 fully comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 112. Since dependent claims 12-15 further distinguish independent claim 11, the applicants submit that they too now comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 112 as well.

**Double Patenting**

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11 and 17 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1, 2, 8, 9, 13, 15, and 16 of copending United States Patent Application No. 10/673,933. Since this double patenting rejection depends upon the claims of the application, until applicants have finally established the allowable claims but for the double patenting rejection, the applicants cannot completely address this rejection. Accordingly, the applicants will address the double patenting rejection by – for example, filing a terminal disclaimer - once all of the other rejections for the pending claims are overcome.

**Conclusion:**

The applicants submits that all of the claims in their present form fully comply with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 112 and are therefore allowable. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

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